

# What is Bible Class?

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**Motivation to Study:** 2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV) teaches us to "study" to show ourselves approved unto God. Let's be honest. Most of us do a better job of studying when we are preparing for something specific. Vague, general study, without goals, is usually useless.

**Opportunity to Learn:** In 2 Peter 1:12-15, Peter appeals to the most basic principle of learning, *i.e.*, repetition. The apostle implied that they needed reminders. Even if you know it all (and the one who gives that impression usually doesn't), you need to hear different viewpoints and refresh your own memory.

**Opportunity to Grow:** 2 Peter 3:18 states this as a command. There can be no growth "in the knowledge of Jesus Christ" without *study and learning*. Bible class gives us another opportunity to fulfill the Lord's wishes in this respect. I have never seen a spiritual, knowledgeable, and mature Christian who made a practice of being absent from the Bible classes.

**Opportunity to Encourage:** Acts 2:42 says that the early Christians were "continually devoted" to fellowship (i.e., sharing together in the Lord's work). They were doing this weekly, and even daily (Acts 2:46)

